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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE TO CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

1. THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED A CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT SULEIMAN FRANGIE ON THE DEATHS OF AMBASSADOR MELOY AND HIS COLLEAGUES IN BEIRUT. PLEASE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING REPLY FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT SULEIMAN FRANGIE BY WHATEVER MEANS CONVENIENT:

2. "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

"I DEEPLY APPRECIATED YOUR KIND MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE TRAGIC DEATHS OF AMBASSADOR MELOY, COUNSELOR WARING, AND THEIR LEBANESE DRIVER. IT HAS MEANT A GREAT DEAL TO ME AND TO THEIR FAMILIES TO RECEIVE THE MANY EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY AT THIS SAD TIME.

"DESPITE THIS SENSELESS ACT, THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT BE DETERRED FROM ITS SEARCH FOR PEACE. SINCERELY, GERALD  
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R. FORD."

3. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS NO PLANS TO RELEASE THE TEXT OF  
THIS MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF THE HOST GOVERNMENT  
DESIRES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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